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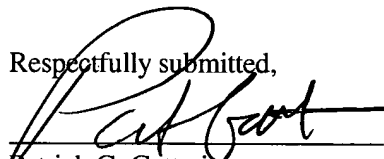
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Sir:

This application was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 7, 2001 and accorded a filing date of August 14, 2002. An Office Action has not yet been received in this case. Applicant's respectfully request the status of the application.

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